

We Welcome You to St. Matthew!

We are so glad to share with you the blessings of God's Holy Word today. If you have no church home, we invite you to consider membership at St. Matthew. Please fill out the Record of Fellowship book found at the end of the pew and sign our guest book in the Narthex (entryway). We hope to see you again soon. Come often to be given the gifts our Lord has to give!

Worship Information

Elders Scott Christy & Curtis Gace
Greeters..... Cathy Smith & Mary Davis
Ushers Will Gentes & James Pierce
Counters Carolyn McCorquodale
Acolyte..... Alex Vaz
Altar Guild Sylvia Christy & Becky Reyes

At St. Matthew, we encourage families to worship God together – it is a part of His plan. We do recognize, however, the special needs of our youngest church attendees. While we encourage children to be present in worship, if they are a distraction to you or others, we invite you to take advantage of the **Nursery** located in the Sunday School wing north of the Sanctuary which is equipped with a speaker so mom and dad can attend to their child's needs and still participate in the service. Or you may visit the **Cry Room** located on the south side of the narthex, where the **Restroom** is located as well, which is equipped with a changing table and a rocking chair for the times you may just need to step out for a brief moment.

Any **prayer requests** may be made using the prayer request card on the shelf in the Narthex or in the pews. Place them in the offering plate or give to a pastor or elder.

We're Here to Assist You

Church Office Hours: Monday–Thursday – 8:00 am-2:00 pm
Appointments for counsel, home visits or hospital calls may be requested with Pastor by phone at any time.

Pastor. . . . Rev. Dr. Ronald Bogs
Organist. Michael Held
Board Chairpersons:
Elders Jason Christy
Trustees. Eugene Meyer
Education. Vacant
Evangelism Vacant
Stewardship Vacant
Assoc. Pastor of Hispanic Ministry
. Rev. Arturo Mendez
Parish Secretary . Amanda Hobbs
Congregational Officers:
President Scott Christy
Vice Pres. David Honerkamp
Secretary Christina Cross
Treasurer Dan Cross

St Matthew News & Notes

St. Matthew Lutheran Church of Westfield is a congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) which is a denomination that confesses the historic, orthodox Christian faith, a faith built on “the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone” (Eph. 2:20).



The LCMS, headquartered in St. Louis, Mo., is mission-oriented and Bible-based. LCMS doctrine reflects the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther, as summarized in *The Book of Concord: The Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church*.

Today, the LCMS has nearly 2 million baptized members in more than 6,000 congregations and some 9,000 pastors. Two seminaries and nine colleges and universities operate under the auspices of the LCMS, and its congregations operate the largest Protestant parochial school system in America.

Life Thoughts



September 26 – Pentecost XVIII (Proper 21B) – Decision about manner and timing of death - either our own or anyone else's - are difficult and dangerous. We cannot anticipate all of its effects and consequences. Our Lord relieves us from playing God by reserving for Himself the right to determine how human beings live and when we die (Psalm 104:29-30). And he assures us that we may flee the likes of abortion and assisted suicide by taking refuge in His kingdom of forgiveness and faith (Mark 9:43-47).

Stewardship Every Sunday

Luke 14:5 – “And he said to them, ‘Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?’” The time is always ripe to do right. God is always calling us to faithfulness and love, which is the fulfillment of the Law. The Pharisees wanted an easier law - something less than love - that was easier to keep. Why? Because they thought they had to in order to be saved. But since we know that Jesus saves His sacrifice, we are free to see the real Law of love and to strive to fulfill it not out of fear but out of thanksgiving.



Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes.

KFUO Radio

KFUO Radio, a media ministry extension of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on KFUE.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at kfuo.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUOradio on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.



CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Study Ezekiel 10-14 on Sharper Iron's "The Faithful Watchman" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study Leviticus 11-16 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and worship with us in Daily Chapel services at 10:00 a.m. CT. Find your favorite programs, plus our LCMS partner podcasts, at kfuo.org or on the KFUE radio app!

Hurricane Ida Donations

There is a box in the Narthex to collect our donations to those who have been devastated by Hurricane Ida. Rose Schutt, DCE of Atonement Lutheran Church in Metairie, LA is the Disaster Relief Coordinator and has asked for the following items. Please only purchase/donate items on the wishlist below. You may also give online by choosing the "Hurricane Ida Relief" fund at her church's website at alcs.org. As our box is filled, our donations will be taken to Lamb of God, Humble, which is a pick up point for Atonement Lutheran. We join them in prayer for the affected areas.

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| ✘ gift cards (Home Depot, Walmart, Lowes, Target, Sams Club, Costco) | ✘ bug spray/sunscreen |
| ✘ toilet paper/feminine products | ✘ beef jerky/canned meat/Spam |
| ✘ mold killer | ✘ dog food/cat food |
| ✘ pump sprayers | ✘ diapers size newborn-size 7/baby wipes |
| ✘ non-perishable food/snacks | ✘ formula/baby food/baby juice/baby bottles |
| ✘ bleach | ✘ toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, body wash, razors, deodorant) |
| ✘ Pine-Sol for mopping/bleach/ mop buckets | ✘ blue tarps |
| ✘ large plastic totes with lids | ✘ Gatorade/bottled water |
| ✘ brooms/rakes/shovels | ✘ N95 masks/P100 masks |
| ✘ black, heavy duty garage bags | |
| ✘ work gloves | |

Attendance for Last Week (9/19)

Wed. Morning Bible Class - 5 Wed. Evening Bible Class - 10
 Sunday School - 5
 Adult Bible Class - 15 Galatians Class - 12
 Sun. Divine Service - 84/\$6487.00

*For great is His steadfast love toward us,
 and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.
 Praise the Lord! ~Psalm 117:2*

Prayers for Our Church Family & Friends

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people. . . . This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. **1 Timothy 2:1-4**

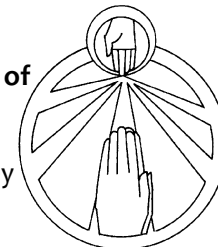
Please remember those whose needs have been reported with prayers, cards and visits. Most requests will be listed for **THREE** Sundays unless updated. **BOLD FONT** indicates request is new or has been updated this Sunday.

Comfort

- ✘ **Family of Isdell Birnbaum - passed away 9/18**
- ✘ **Family of Daniel Toombs - passed away (Cousin of Pastor Bogs)**

Thanksgiving

- ✘ Loraine Lambert - Healing of cancer (Friend of Shirley Coyle)



Strength & Healing

- ✘ **James Klein-In the hospital for covid & pneumonia (brother-in-law of Carolyn & Gary McCorquodale)**
- ✘ **Merilee Eidson-complications from covid vaccine (friend of Bogs Family)**
- ✘ **Mark Monroe-set back after suffering a stroke (brother of Mary Gibbs)**
- ✘ Larry Blanton - Having surgery (stepson of Shirley Coyle's daughter)
- ✘ Rusty - Severe covid complications in ICU (friend of Goss family)
- ✘ Curtis Gace - Future surgery for carotid arteries
- ✘ Richard Mavus - stroke
- ✘ Michael and Shaynee (friends of Christina Cross)
- ✘ Lindsey Busby - hospitalized with Covid (friend of Goss family)
- ✘ Carol Rubio - multiple health issues (cousin of Jane McElroy)
- ✘ Paula Southworth - Afib (friend of Arlene Schultz)
- ✘ Brothers and sisters in Christ in Afghanistan
- ✘ All of those, especially those in our congregation, suffering from Covid

Cancer/Long Term Healing

- ✘ Kerri Bogs Harvard - skin cancer (cousin of Pastor Bogs)
- ✘ Anne McIlhany - Systemic Sclerosis
- ✘ Deitra Johnson - Was in a major car accident (Daughter-in-law of Shirley Coyle)
- ✘ Debbie Blanton - Health complications (Daughter of Shirley Coyle)
- ✘ Joan Mikecz- recurrent lung infections (sister of Jeanne Held)
- ✘ Ceci - finished chemo & radiation, now on quarterly monitoring, still tired and having kidney issues (great niece of Jim Gibbs)
- ✘ Dave Nahrwold- beginning chemo for bladder cancer (father of Elisabeth Held)
- ✘ Jeanie Cowger- recently re-diagnosed with cancer (step-family of Cowger family)
- ✘ Clarence Meal- lung cancer diagnosis (friend of Bettye Carter)
- ✘ Sandra Randolph- chronic fatigue syndrome (cousin of Sharon Gace)
- ✘ Rev. David Oberdieck- diagnosed with kidney cancer (seminary classmate of Pastor Bogs)

- ✘ Christina Cross- multiple health issues (sister of Dan Cross)
- ✘ Andrué Barnwell- osteosarcoma now in lungs (cousin of Gayle Bogs)
- ✘ Phyllis Smith- cancer (cousin of Bryce Koslan)
- ✘ Kevin Clark- broken neck & back (brother of Korey Clark)
- ✘ Eugene File- lung cancer (friend of B.J. & Rose Jackson)
- ✘ Clarence Bourgeois- plaque on the brain & heart problems (father of Sean Bourgeois-Shirley Coyle's great grandson)
- ✘ Marian Martens- cancer (mother of Nadine Reed)
- ✘ Brenda Pali- arthritis pain
- ✘ Marian Piracci- compromised neuro system (niece of Langley's son-in-law)
- ✘ Lani Henderson- cancer treatment (friend of Marie Fischer)
- ✘ Vic Vaz- leukemia (husband of Sheila Vaz)
- ✘ Leon Lilley- Leukemia
- ✘ Chryssa Sharp-ovarian cancer (cousin of Karen Mavus)
- ✘ Paul Kron- cancer treatments (husband of Marilyn Kron)
- ✘ JoAnn Roberts- chronic Leukemia Stage 1 (wife of Steve Roberts)
- ✘ Miranda Rodriguez- bipolar disorder (friend of Shirley Coyle)
- ✘ Betty Carroll- cancer w/dementia (friend of Cathy Coyle's aunt)
- ✘ Mary Ellen Zwahr-seizures (cousin of Brenda Pali)
- ✘ Odette Mendez-possible breast cancer (sister of Arturo Mendez)
- ✘ Dan-immune disorder (neighbor of Steve Roberts)
- ✘ Aileen Mercer-macular degeneration, back pain, shingles
- ✘ Matthew Piserelle-no treatment (brother of Phillip Williamson)
- ✘ Charlie Garton-child w/ brain cancer (friend of Mark Johnson)
- ✘ David Saville-MS (nephew of Louie Pali)

Our Shut Ins

Louise Simmons, Richard & Karen Mavus, Bill Pali, Aileen Mercer, Olivia Getschmann, Arthur Bolinger, Mario Reyes, Marcia Carr

General Prayer

- ✘ Sean Bourgeois & Garrett Johnson – personal guidance
- ✘ The family of Ali Lowitzer – strength & understanding during difficult times & for her safe return home (granddaughter of Mary Davis)
- ✘ Georgiann & Ron Mallory & Barry Rosenberg – continued strength
- ✘ Michael & Guy Johnson – continued healing (sons of Shirley Coyle)
- ✘ For a safe and healthy pregnancy for Sisilie & Chris Lawrence, due in December
- ✘ For the safety of those serving in the military: Greggrie O'Garro (Navy)- Bahrain (son of Claire O'Garro); Anthony Valles (Army) - Ft. Hood (grandson of Nancy Baeza), Chris Crowley (Navy) - USS Roosevelt (son-in-law of Nicole Poppenhusen); Timothy & Benjamin Menz (sons of Paul Menz)

Celebrations

Birthdays: 10/1 Nancy Arimond, 10/1 Brenda Pali & 10/2 Korey Clark

Baptism Anniversaries: 9/29 Kenneth French & 10/1 Sharon Gace

Wedding Anniversaries: 10/2 John & Janis Stayton

ESL Classes Postponed

ESL classes are currently postponed until October. Pray for this mission of St. Matthew that God will bless it to continue strongly in reaching out to our community not only teaching English but also sharing the Gospel of the Lord. If you need more information, please see Pastor Mendez.

A/C News

The trustees have designated the A/C fund to replace the South Meeting Room unit. We are currently getting several bids and will update the congregation as soon as all have been submitted. If you choose to give towards this fund please specify "St. Matthew Dedicated A/C Fund" on the donation.

LED Light Improvement Fund

A fund for a gradual upgrade of all building lights to LEDs exists to help reduce our utility cost in the future. Any dedicated donations towards this fund please specify "LED Light Improvement Fund."

CAM - Congregational Assembly Meeting Agenda for 10/10/21

Opening Prayer

Approve Minutes from 6/6/2021 CAM meeting

Pastor's Reports

Treasurer's Report

Board Reports

Old Business: N/A

New Business:

- Reallocation of Pastor Brillinger mission funds

Closing Prayer

Life Quotes



"Gospel-motivated means we tell how Almighty God creates every human life as special, and that we treat them with that sanctity. It means we declare how He redeems every human life as precious, and that we demonstrate it to them. It means we proclaim how He calls every human life His own priceless treasure from fertilization to forever, and that we put it into practice." Pastor Michael Salemink,

Executive Director of Mission and Ministry, Lutherans for Life - A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life - lutheransforlife.org

Opportunities to Study God's Word

Sunday School for All Ages

Preschool - Elementary Classes begin at 8:45 am in **Room #2**. They children are learning Biblical accounts from the Growing in Christ series. **The Sr. & Jr. High School class** is led by Pastor Mendez in **Room #3**.



Sunday Adult Bible Classes

All members and friends of St. Matthew Lutheran Church are invited to attend the Adult Bible Classes each Sunday at 8:45 am. **Answers in Genesis** led by Pastor Bogs meets in the Fellowship Hall (gym). And **Galatians** led by Larry Harvey meets in **Room #4**. Please join us. Bring a friend!

Wednesday Mornings



The Wednesday Morning Bible Study Group meets at **10:00 am** in **Room #2**. We invite everyone who is available to join us to study God's Word. We are studying **Romans**.

Wednesday Evenings

Wednesday evening Bible Class meets at **7 pm** in **Room #2**. We are studying the **Psalms**. Bring a friend for an enjoyable evening!

Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Join us for the Men's Breakfast and Bible study on the **2nd Saturday** of the month at **8:00 am** in the **Fellowship Hall**. **However our next class is rescheduled for October 2** where we will be studying **Nehemiah**.

The Board of Elders will still meet on Saturday, October 9th at 10:00am.



PRISM – Precious Rubies In St Matthew

Ladies' PRISM meetings *usually* take place the **4th Saturday** of the month where we begin with Breakfast and a Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 am. However, since the Covid break we have not met. If you are interested in starting to meet again, please let Tiffany Cowger, Melissa Sindlinger or Gayle Bogs know and watch here for more information.